



## Michael Norris Dunlap

February 25, 1951 - July 7, 2020

The Life & The Flight Legacy of  
MSgt. Michael Norris Dunlap  
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Michael Norris Dunlap, was the “first born” of the union between his parents, Henry Thomas Dunlap & Eva Mae (Fitzpatrick) Dunlap.

Michael was born in St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated from Sumner High School, in 1969, immediately joining the United States Air Force in the same year.

MSgt. Michael Norris Dunlap Retired from the United States Air Force and began his Veteran Status in 1993. He loved his Country and never lost his excitement about his lifelong career of being a Loadmaster on the C-5 Aircraft. He performed many Special Operation Missions throughout his career. One of the many notable missions was the recovery effort to return the bodies of more than 900 people who lost their life during the 1978 Jonestown Massacre in Guyana. After 24 years of exemplary and honorable service to his country, with countless Meritorious Medals, MSgt. Dunlap retired from the United States Air Force. He then began another 24-year career at the Dover Sam's Club. where he continued to receive honorable notoriety for his “over and above” work ethic and dedicated service to the organization.

Michael became the loving and responsible Patriarch of his family after the passing of his dad in 2007.

Michael was a kind, caring, loving and giving person who was funny, yet took life seriously.

He was a man who enjoyed the simple things in life like bowling, “cueing” on the grill, assembling model airplanes, as well as, assembling, displaying and operating his elaborate train set, with a replica of a town, that filled an entire room. He enjoyed relaxing on his deck in Dover or sitting on the family porch in St. Louis. When he would visit St. Louis, he loved attending the St. Louis Cardinal Baseball Games.

On July 7th at 6:47pm at Bay Health Hospital, Michael Norris Dunlap passed from this life to receive his eternal reward at the age of 69.

Michael is preceded in death by both of his parents and most recently by his two paternal uncles: Louis Dunlap who lived in Monticello, Arkansas and Ford Dunlap who lived in St. Louis, Missouri.

Michael is survived by his faithful and beloved wife of 35 years, Lynda Marie Dunlap; 2 children, Jean Jackson and Jeremy Dunlap; 3 grandchildren, Michael Jackson, Brittany Jackson and Liam Dunlap; 4 siblings, Arthur K. Dunlap, Maurice E. Dunlap (wife Mercy), Janice M. Flowers (husband Charles), Lawrence Dunlap (wife Angie), as well as, numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and former coworkers.

Michael was loved and adored by so many. It will be the Lord's strength, God's love for each other, fond memories and the many pictures that will help to be a source of strength to see all of us through our heartbreaking loss. We are encouraged by the fact that the peace of God will keep our heart and mind

filled with beautiful memories of Michael, that will last a lifetime.

Thank You So Very Much to Everyone for Your Love, Show of Support and  
Your Prayers During This Difficult Time... With Love,  
The Family of Michael Norris Dunlap

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was a very young "Baby Load" when I first met (Lap) as he was lovingly know as to those he was close with. I was immediately drawn to his "Military Bearing" and his many awards on his chest. We became close friends when we both became "special operators" as a part of the "Night Riders". Lap was funny, and helped me take the edge off of my fear on what we were doing. Lap you have earned the "Eternal Crew rest". God Bless you my brother we will meet again!

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**Norman A. Norcisa** - August 18, 2020 at 11:24 AM

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“ R. I. P. Mike!!!! \ud83d\ude2a\ud83d\ude4f\ud83c\udffelt was pleasure working with you for over twenty plus years at Sam\u2019s Club. You were always so pleasant. Your department was always ran top notch and in an orderly profession. My condolences to your wife and family. Cherrita D Gibbs-Sloan

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**Cherrita D Gibbs-Sloan** - July 18, 2020 at 09:27 AM

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“ I first meet Michael in the 9th MAS Operations Center. He worked the Loadmaster's section scheduling personnel for C-5A missions. He was always asking me if it was time to close up shop and go home. I also had him flying with me on the C-5A mission that went to RAF Mildenhall, England on 25 October 1982, for a static display for Prince Charles. We all got to shake the hand of Prince Charles before the event. I have missed his smiling face at Sam's Club where we shared memories. Robert C. Monroe, Major, USAF, Retired

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**monroer@aol.com** - July 17, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ *I bowled with Mike on Wednesday Nite Fun Time bowling league. Am very sorry to hear of his passing. He was a delight to bowl with, enjoyed every week seeing him. When he had to leave the league because of health reason, we were all were sorry to see him go. I was just mentioning to another old time bowler on that league about Mike. Remember his love of St Louis Cardinals and bowling with his ear phones in. Rhae Konschak secretary Wednesday Nite Fun Time.*

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**Rhae Konschak** - July 17, 2020 at 02:35 PM